

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Masahiro ISHIKAWA et al. : **Confirmation No. 4376**
Serial No. 10/532,678 : Group Art Unit 1656
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FRACTIONATED SOYBEAN PROTEIN : **Mail Stop: AF**
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action of June 9, 2010, Applicants submit the following remarks in support of the patentability of the presently claimed invention. Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of these remarks.

Summary of Interview

Initially, Applicants wish to kindly thank the Examiner for taking the time to discuss the above-identified application with Applicants' representative on August 25, 2010.

During the interview, the outstanding rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph was discussed. Applicants' representative directed the Examiner's attention to the specification, particularly pages 3, 4 and 7.

Specifically, it was noted that pages 3 and 4 of the specification describe a problem with the prior art method when a sulfurous acid compound is added. Additionally, Applicants' representative discussed the passage on page 4, lines 11-20 of the specification, indicating that the prior art method requires a large amount of a sulfurous acid compound to be added to separate fractions with an industrially available low centrifugal force, which results in such a problem of fractionation precision that a little amount of 11S globulin is contaminated in a